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FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

February 5, 1948

The farmers' share of the consumer food dollar is expected to hold closely to the 1947 level, at about 90 percent above pre-war, the AAA announces.

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Low prices received by poultry producers for fowl throughout the Midwest can be traced directly to the high percentage of low quality birds being marketed this year, according to U.S.D.A. poultry marketing experts.

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One way to save food during the coming year is to plant a Freedom Garden, the AAA reports.

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Anytime is a good time to kill rats, but late fall, winter and early spring are the best periods of the year, the AAA advises,

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Current stocks of wheat are nearly one-fourth larger than a year ago, and one-sixth larger than on January 1, 1946, the AAA reports.

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In the past 150 years at least 50 million acres of productive cropland have been abandoned due to erosion by wind and water.

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Rye stocks on January 1, 1948 of 14.4 million bushels, though relatively small were larger than on January 1 in the two preceding years, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

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"We must have a strong, productive agriculture after, as well as during, the period of world food shortage....." Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson.

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February 12, 1948

The Agricultural Conservation Program might well be called the Agricultural Consumers' Program, says Albert J. Loveland, recently appointed head of the ACP Branch of PMA.

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If each family in the United States throw away only 50 cents worth of cereal foods because it had become infested with insects, the loss would be about 15 million dollars, the AAA reports.

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Farmers who intend to qualify for assistance under the Agricultural Conservation Program are requested to talk over their plans with the county agricultural conservation committee or their local community agricultural committeeman.

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Stocks of feed grains in all positions on January 1, 1948 were relatively small, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson has announced that total exports of wheat and flour during the current fiscal year will probably reach 450 million bushels.

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Tests have shown that erosion is greatest when land is planted to row crops, or when it is not protected by some vegetative cover, the AAA advises.

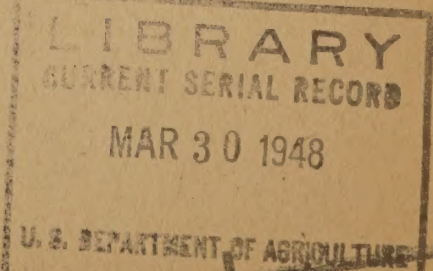
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By holding our land we hold our future security as a nation, and to do this is the aim and purpose of the Agricultural Conservation Program.

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The Nationwide drive to remove non-producing and inefficient birds from laying flocks to conserve grain will prove of considerable advantage to the poultryman who builds toward an all-pullet flock, according to U. S. Department of Agriculture poultry specialists.

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March 4, 1948

Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson reminds farmers that marketing hogs at lighter weights is a cardinal principle in the Government's grain conservation program, and it should not be abandoned.

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The public can look forward to an ample supply of eggs during the year, but no large surplus is expected, the AAA reports.

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The AAA reminds housewives that meat dealers will pay for every pound of used cooking fat turned in.

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The Agricultural Conservation Program, and the legislation under which the program is authorized, was designed to give farmers through their elected committeemen a voice in the administration of the conservation program.

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Farmers will have much less grain to feed their livestock during the first half of 1948 than the very large quantity fed in the first half of last year, the AAA advises.

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The AAA urges farmers to carry out a determined and thorough search for undiscovered scrap iron and for obsolete equipment and to move it promptly into market channels.

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Supplies of byproduct feeds for the 1947-48 season in relation to grain consuming animal units are the largest of record, the AAA reports.

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Federal Crop Insurance is offered for 1948 in 26 North Dakota counties. Applications for insurance must be made before the closing date. See your County AAA Committee.

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The Agricultural Conservation Program is directed toward getting sufficient conservation farming to maintain and improve our basic agricultural resources of soil and water.

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U. S. civilians probably will eat moderately less food in 1948 than the near-record amount of 1947 but more than in any year before 1945, the AAA announces.

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Western wheat grass remains palatable and retains much of its nutritive value after it reaches maturity, which makes it especially valuable for winter grazing, the AAA advises.

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Winter grains have done well in most sections of the country according to a recent report on the wheat situation by the Market News Service of the Production and Marketing Administration, USDA.

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More than half of world grain exports in the first half of the current marketing year came from the United States, according to Department of Agriculture reports.

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Land is limited but the population is increasing, and the AAA points out the only way the individual can continue eating as much as now is to conserve and improve the land to produce more food from each acre.

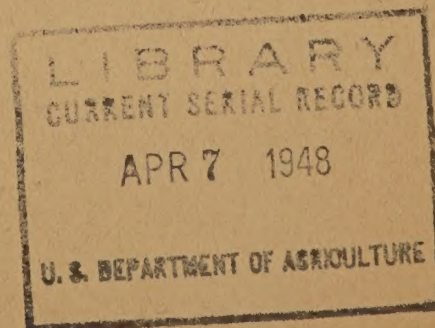
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Experiments have shown crested wheatgrass and brome grass have $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 times the carrying capacity of native grassland, the AAA advises.

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Argentina's corn harvest, beginning in March, is expected to be larger than last year's 229 million bushels, and may reach as high as 275 million, the AAA announces.

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March 18, 1948

Because of continuing demand for linseed oil for construction and other industrial uses, the Department of Agriculture has announced a flaxseed goal of 4,300,000 planted acres for 1948. The North Dakota goal is 1,550,000 acres.

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A national Soil and Fertilizer Research Committee consisting of scientists from the Land Grant Colleges and the U. S. Department of Agriculture has been organized to assist in planning national and regional studies of soils, fertilizer, and irrigation, the AAA announces.

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Farmers received about 4.5 billion dollars from sales of farm products in the first two months of 1948, about 10 percent more than in the same two months of last year, the AAA reports.

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Post-war efforts to revive Europe's livestock production were dealt a heavy blow by the disastrous crop conditions of 1947, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations reports.

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Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, in calling for 20 million freedom gardens in 1948, said that the Nation's backyard farmers, by adding their produce to the national food supply, can make a real contribution to the European Recovery Program.

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Cash receipts from farm marketings in 1947 were up 23 percent from 1946 for the country as a whole, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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Final 1948 production goals, announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, call for increases over 1947 planted acreages for corn, oats, barley, sorghums, rye, flaxseed, and dry edible beans.

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Four to eight treatments with 2,4-D are necessary to kill creeping jenny, reports the USDA.

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